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BEAUPREZ, Bob (Republican)
Representative, 7th District, Colorado
Elected 2002 to 108th Congress



BACKGROUND

Born: Lafayette, CO - 22 September 1948
Home: Arvada, CO
Marital status: Married (Claudia) - 4 children
Religion: Roman Catholic
Education: University of Colorado, BS 1970
Profession: Bank owner, dairy farmer
Military: None

Political: Colorado Republican Party chairman 1999-2002; Defeated Mike Feeley (D) by 121 votes (47.6%) for the newly-drawn 7th District seat that encompasses Denver's western, northern, and eastern suburbs. The race was the closest of the 2002 election cycle and was decided after a court-ordered recount. The 7th District was drawn in a manner to reflect evenly divided party registration.

Rep Beauprez is a conservative and ran a campaign modeled after many of the priorities of the Bush administration – making the 2001 tax cuts permanent, improved educational opportunities and a strong national defense and homeland security. During the campaign said military personnel deserve the best training, intelligence and equipment possible, and said he supported a national missile defense system. Also indicated he would be a tireless advocate for veterans' rights and benefits. Unlike the President, however, he supports more aggressive campaign finance reform and a reduction in steel tariffs.

As a member of the 108th Congress, said he would continue to fight for the values that he learned working side-by-side with his father and grandfather on the family farm.

Supports Medicare, a Social Security "overhaul" that does not include privatization, and the right to bear arms. Seeks a seat on the Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee in order to address the issues of congestion and poor water management.

AF Bases: Buckley AFB

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